Host a Birthday Party at Chippewa Nature Center!

Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) members can have a full birthday experience for children 4-12 years old and up to 19 of their friends. A CNC Educator will coordinate a 2-hour themed experience that includes personalized invitations to send to your guests, outdoor exploration and games, an indoor craft, indoor party games, a gift for the birthday child and a goodie bag for each party guest. The room will be decorated to match your child’s party theme before you arrive.

Visitor Center Hours
8 am-5 pm Mon-Sat
12-5 pm Sun & select holidays
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day

FREE Admission!
CNC Party Themes

**ANIMAL SUPERHEROES**
The animal world is full of critters with natural super powers that help them survive. Superhero fanatics will design their own superhero identity and then enjoy an outdoor adventure using animal superpowers to overcome challenges.

**MAMMAL MANIA**
Come experience the wild side of Michigan’s mammals. We’ll spend time looking for mammals and their signs, as well as becoming wild mammals as we play games both indoors and out.

**NATURE DETECTIVES**
Calling all super sleuths! Grab your magnifying glasses and your mighty powers of observation to decipher clues and solve puzzles. Investigators of all ages will enjoy outdoor games and activities that have an air of natural mystery.

**OUTDOOR SURVIVAL**
Get “lost” in the fun of this survival party! The birthday child and his/her friends will try their hand at surviving the elements with indoor games and crafts. Outdoor time will give children the opportunity to build shelters and then destroy the finished product in an effort to leave no trace. Ages 8+.

**SCALES AND SLIME**
If turtles, snakes, frogs and toads make your birthday kid smile, then this is the party for you. Guests will explore the outdoors and be amazed at the cool adaptations these critters have for their unique lifestyles. Activities will vary seasonally.

**SPACE OBSERVERS**
Invite your fellow space observers for an out-of-this-world birthday party. Your party mission is to train in space observations skills and knowledge to bring you one step closer to understanding the universe. Space objects are observed through games and outdoor adventures while indoor use of the portable sky lab gives the illusion of night during the day.

**PROGRAM**
The 2-hour birthday party includes activities that are tailored to be age appropriate for the birthday child and his/her friends. The CNC educator will help keep children engaged and having fun while following a party schedule that includes:

- Indoor party games
- Outdoor exploration and games
- Indoor craft
- Refreshments *(if you choose to provide them)*
- Gift opening
- Educator walks around with birthday child to distribute goodie bags to his/her guests

**WHAT’S INCLUDED**
Within a week of scheduling your party, we will send you themed invitations to send to your child’s friends. These invitations will include directions to CNC and suggestions for how to dress for the outdoor exploration and games portion of the event. The party fee includes the use of CNC’s cups, plates, napkins and utensils. You will have access to the party room 30 minutes before the party and 30 minutes after the party. You will also have access to a refrigerator and freezer.

**SCHEDULING YOUR PARTY**
Birthday parties must be scheduled a minimum of three weeks in advance. Parties are held on Saturdays and weekdays (when there is no school) from 9 am-4 pm and Sundays from 1-4 pm. Scheduling is dependent on staff and facility availability; we encourage you to schedule your party well in advance of the event date. To schedule a party, please fill out the request form online. For questions, contact Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs, at jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org or 989-631-0830.

**PARTY COST**

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A $50 deposit is required when the party is scheduled. The balance is due the day of the party.

Parties are available only to CNC members. A Family Membership can be purchased at the time of scheduling for $50.

**YOUR PARTY ROLE**
Send invitations provided by CNC to party guests. If you would like to provide refreshments such as cake and ice cream, CNC will provide the cups, plates, napkins and utensils. We also ask that you bring at least one adult for every 10 children at the party.